

MINUTES

City Council

Monday, March 17, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Quinney presided. **Council Members:** Misty Bethune, Gwyn Hall, Bowen Jones, Bessie Kicklighter, Durward Motes and Judy Shuman.

Members Absent: Tennyson Holder, Councilmember

Staff Present: Brian Johnson, City Administrator; Rhonda Ferrell, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Pam Franklin, Human Resource Director; Nathan Mai-Lombardo, Planning Director; Randall Griffin, Public Works Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief; and Cliff Ducey, Parks & Recreation Director.

Staff Absent: Charles Draeger, Water/Sewer Director and Clara Rouse, Finance Director.

Visitors: See attached sign-in sheets

Opening: Mayor Quinney welcomed everyone to the meeting. Councilmember Kicklighter offered the opening prayer and Mayor Quinney led City Council in the pledge to the flag.

Mayor Quinney said City Council held a Pre-Agenda Session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions were made during the Pre-Agenda Session.

Mayor Quinney and Chief Lyons presented to Ms. Joyce Mock a resolution recognizing her 33 years of service with the city. Mayor Quinney and Chief Lyons thanked Ms. Mock for her loyal and dedicated service to the City.

Public Hearings:

Alcoholic Beverage License Application: Mayor Quinney opened the public hearing to receive comment on an alcoholic beverage license application for Maria del Carmen

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Lares to sell beer and or malt beverages at El Taco Loco, 1550F Dean Forest Road, Garden City, Georgia.

Mayor Quinney asked if there were any questions or comments. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Quinney closed the public hearing.

Alcoholic Beverage Manager's Application: Mayor Quinney opened the public hearing to receive comment on an alcoholic beverage manager's license application for Angel U. Lares to sell beer and or malt beverages at El Taco Loco, 1550F Dean Forest Road, Garden City, Georgia.

Mayor Quinney asked if there were any questions or comments. There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Quinney closed the public hearing.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2008 meeting of council.

Planning & Zoning Committee Report:

PC0809, Zoning Map Amendment: Councilmember Hall said we have for the second reading a request by Dean Kicklighter representing property owner Mattie R. Kinard to rezone property at 2782 Highway 80 from R-1 to C-2. He said the Committee recommends approval of the zoning map amendment.

Councilmember Hall made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Motes to approve the zoning map amendment on the second reading. Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Motes and Councilmember Shuman voted in favor with Councilmember Jones opposed. Councilmember Bethune and Councilmember Kicklighter abstained from the vote.

PC0810, Zoning Map Amendment: Councilmember Hall said we have for the second reading a request by Dean Kicklighter representing property owners James F. and Marsha M. Ridgill to rezone property at 2784 Highway 80 from R-1 to C-2. He said the Committee recommends approval of the zoning map amendment.

Councilmember Hall made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Motes to approve the zoning map amendment on the second reading. Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Motes and Councilmember Shuman voted in favor with Councilmember Jones opposed. Councilmember Bethune and Councilmember Kicklighter abstained from the vote.

PC0801, Major Subdivision Request: Upon motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Jones, City Council voted unanimously to un-table a request by

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Southeast Engineering representing property owner Chatham Parkway 80 Investors for a major subdivision of 0 Highway 80 for future development.

Upon motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to approve the Chatham Parkway 80 Investors major subdivision request for 0 Highway 80 for future development.

Personnel, Finance & Administration Committee Report: Councilmember Shuman gave a routine report. She said the Records Clerk Position in the Police Department has been filled. She said you can go to the City's website for information regarding open positions within the City. She said employee training is ongoing. She said the Public Works Director just completed a training and certification course. She said a training session will be held on March 25th for our Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals members.

Parks & Recreation Committee Report: Councilmember Bethune said Smokey Mountain Amusement started setting up the fair. She said the fair is March 18 – March 23 in the parking lot at the Garden City Stadium. She encouraged everyone to come out to the fair. She said baseball, softball and T-Ball sign ups are underway. She said the Recreation Department's Opening Day Parade will be held on April 12th beginning at 9:30 a.m. She said a picnic is planned for the seniors on March 20th at Sharon Park. She said Port Wentworth's Stand Up For America Day Parade will be held on the last Saturday in April.

Mayor Quinney and City Council requested the Recreation Department prepare a float for City Council to ride on in the Stand Up For America Day Parade.

Fire Committee Report: Councilmember Motes gave a routine report. He said the Garden City Fire Department received a \$10,000 check from GPA for services rendered during the sugar refinery incident. He said the Fire Department assisted the Savannah Fire Department over the weekend when power was lost.

Police Committee Report:

Alcoholic Beverage License Application: Councilmember Kicklighter said we have for consideration an alcoholic beverage license application for Maria del Carmen Lares to sell beer and or malt beverages at El Taco Loco, 1550F Dean Forest Road, Garden City, Georgia.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to approve the alcoholic beverage license application.

Alcoholic Beverage Manager's License Application: Councilmember Kicklighter said we have for consideration an alcoholic beverage manager's license application for Angel U. Lares to sell beer and or malt beverages at El Taco Loco, 1550F Dean Forest Road, Garden City, Georgia.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to approve the alcoholic beverage manager's license application
Councilmember Kicklighter gave a routine report.

Public Works Committee Report: Mayor Quinney asked Councilmember Jones to give the public works committee report in Councilmember Holder absence.

Councilmember Jones said the crews have collected 203 tons of dry trash since the first of the year. He said so far approximately \$7,500 has been spent for dumping fees. He said the Public Works Director has started mulching as much of the dry trash as he can. He said on Saturday, March 22nd the County will be collecting electronic items for recycling. He said you can drop off items in the parking lot next to city hall. He said if you drop off a TV there is a \$20.00 fee. He said once the items are collected here they will be taken to Lake Mayer to turn over to the County to recycle.

Water/Sewer Committee Report: Councilmember Jones said the water/sewer department is going well. He said our Water/Sewer Director and crews were up all night Saturday night checking lift stations and monitoring them due the storm. He said we lost three lift station pumps, because of an electrical surge/power outage during the storm.

City Administrator Report: City Administrator said I have nothing to report tonight.

City Attorney Report:

City Attorney read a resolution to authorize the City Administrator to promptly commence the public solicitation for qualifications or proposals from development teams interested in partnering with the City to design, construct, and develop the portions of the Town Hall Project other than the property where its public buildings (City Hall Property) will be located.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Mayor Report: Mayor Quinney thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reminded everyone that Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Motes, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

(Absent)

Andy Quinney, Mayor

Tennyson Holder, Mayor Pro-tem

Judy Shuman, President of Council

Misty Bethune, Council Member

Gwyn Hall, Councilmember

Bowen Jones, Councilmember

Bessie Kicklighter, Councilmember

Durward Motes, Councilmember

Rhonda Ferrell, Clerk of Council